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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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#### **Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 3A, 3B.
  - The drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(I) and (p)(1)); See Figure(s) 2A, 2C2, 3B, 5, 6, 7A.
  - More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 2D1 & 2D2.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

• Additional claim fees of \$1119 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

#### **SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$1569 for a Small Entity

- \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1119
  - \$129 for 3 independent claims over 3.
  - \$990 for 110 total claims over 20.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re application of:

Applicants: Raymond J. O'Neill and Raymond J. O'Neill, Jr.

Serial No. : 10/829,469 Filed : April 21, 2004

Title of Invention : TRANSPORTABLE BASKETBALL SYSTEM HAVING

WIND-TRANSMISSIVE BACKBOARD STRUCTURE AND SAND-ANCHORABLE POST ASSEMBLY FOR SAFELY PLAYING BASKETBALL-RELATED GAMES ON BEACHES, SHORELINES AND OTHER SAND-

COVERED OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS

Examiner : n/a
Group Art Unit : 3711

Attorney Docket : 121-001USANB0

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION/FILING DATE GRANTED

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Application/Filing Date Granted dated June 30, 2004, Applicants submit herewith the following documents for filing in the same:

- Second Preliminary Amendment;
- Submission of Formal Drawings;
- Nineteen (19) sheets of Formal Drawings;
- Part 2 of Notice to File Missing Parts; and
- Return Receipt Postcard.

Enclosed in payment of the requisite filing fees of \$450.00 is R. O'Neill Check No. 403 in the same amount. Applicants qualify as a Small Business Concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(d) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above entitled invention.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account 16-1340. A copy of this document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 30, 2004

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#### **SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith please find Nineteen (19) sheets of Formal Drawings to be filed in the above referenced Application.

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